

a deep-water port for Houston. Mr. Milby died on July 1925 and in 1926, Charles H. Milby High School was named in honor of his many contributions to the East End area.

In 1926, Milby High School opened its doors with 212 students and 13 teachers. Today Milby High School has over 3,000 students and is considered the oldest and largest school in the Houston Independent School District. With its proud colors of blue and gold, and its mascot of the fighting buffalo, Milby High School has educated hundreds of alumni veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War.

Today, Milby is known for their legendary basketball coach, Boyce Honea, class of 1959. He has been with the school for nearly 25 years, has won many district championships, and 9 victories in the annual 32-team J. C. Tournament. Their school spirit is also evident in their cheerleading squad which participates in yearly competitions and is sponsored by two national cheerleading companies. Most notable, however is Milby's Science and Engineering Magnet Program which attracts many students each year from all over Houston.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Milby's 75th Anniversary, there will be a 21-gun salute for the veterans and former students who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, on June 2 at 1601 Broadway. A 4-foot-by-16-foot granite memorial wall will be donated in their honor by the Milby Anniversary Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Milby High School on its 75th Anniversary. I would also ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the dedicated teachers, administrators, some of whom are alumni, parents and students for 75 years of work and dedication to the East End and our Houston community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Monday and missed rollcall votes No. 126 and 127. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall 126 and 127.

A TRIBUTE TO ALVIN M. PETERSEN: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to Pastor Alvin M. Petersen and to the legacy he built: the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL).

Even though the University of Nebraska is not in my Congressional District and even though it is a long way from California, I want to honor Pastor Petersen, because he is the father of my Senior Legislative Assistant, a woman who has worked on my staff for almost twenty years.

This coming June 9th and 10th, a celebration will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska to commemorate the 50th birthday of the Lutheran Student Center and the work of "Pastor Pete", as he has been called for decades by the university students. Also honored are his wife, Edell, also known as "Mom Pete", who was an integral part of the Center, and the three subsequent pastors: Bruce Berggren, Roger Sasse, and the current pastor, Larry Meyer, who completed his seminary internship serving under Pastor Pete.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNL was begun, with Pastor Pete at the helm, in 1940. Through his diligent efforts, money was raised to build the current building, which opened in 1951, in the center of the UNL campus. In 1958, a chapel was added to the original structure, and Mom Pete lovingly wove banners that still hang over the altar.

The Lutheran Student Center provides worship services, a place for students to belong and to matter in a large university setting, and a training ground for future pastors. The Center has the largest Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) worshipping community on any state university campus in the nation.

The Sunday morning worship services and mid-week Vespers are at the heart of the ministry. Bible study, counseling, participation in the choir, fun and fellowship with movie nights, the spring break ski trip, retreats, volleyball and softball are all available to students.

In the past five years, an extensive renovation project was undertaken to bring the building into the 21st century. After \$400,000 was raised by Pastor Meyer, the current minister, so that there would be no debt, the Center has been updated, remodeled, and made completely accessible with the addition of an elevator. A new Outreach Program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln has begun, so that students at this community college also feel they are part of a campus ministry program.

The building—the Lutheran Student Center—is the symbol and the physical setting for a ministry that cannot be measured in words. Many a lonesome freshman has found friendships at the Center. Many students with counseling needs, or doubts, or problems have found help at the Center. Many couples have met and married at the Center. Many a faith has been strengthened through worship at the Center.

I am honored to pay tribute to the Lutheran Student Center and to a lifetime of work and love and concern by Pastor Pete—Pastor Alvin Petersen. One person truly can make a difference in this world!

IN HONOR OF REV. FR. DENNIS R. O'GRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Rev. Fr. Dennis R. O'Grady on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest, and also on his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. O'Grady began his distinguished and proud career shortly after his Ordination on

May 20, 1961. In June of that same year he became the Assistant at St. Vincent Parish in Akron, Ohio where he spent five years before becoming Assistant at St. Michael's in June of 1966. Rev. O'Grady's honored service to the community continued by becoming a Member of the Diocesan Pastoral Team For the Spanish-speaking and serving in the Hispanic Ministry as Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his forty years of service, Rev. O'Grady has accomplished great feats within his religion. His tremendous faith and giving nature has brought hope and joy to the lives of thousands.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. O'Grady represents the very best of Cleveland, and his outstanding service to mankind deserves the highest of praise.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in rising to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Rev. O'Grady, and honor his forty years of service to his church, his faith, and the community.

"HONORING COUNCILMAN GENE 'IGGY' GARISON"

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pasadena City Councilman Gene "Iggy" Garison and to thank him for his distinguished service. Councilman Garison was first elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1993, served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1996 to 1997 and is currently serving his fourth two-year term. He is a dedicated and committed public servant, and his constituents are fortunate to have him as their representative.

Councilman Garison was born in 1942 and has lived in Pasadena for nearly 30 years. Despite recent health problems, he continues to be a driving force in Pasadena. He has touched the lives of so many people and has made numerous civic contributions. As a small gesture of the communities appreciation, the San Jacinto Day Foundation recently decided that the city's annual Strawberry Festival would be dedicated to Iggy Garison.

As a member of the City Council, Garison has been responsible for many improvements in Pasadena. His accomplishments include the revitalization of North Pasadena, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center. During his tenure, he has worked hard to reduce crime and to improve the city's infrastructure, particularly streets, sidewalks and sewer lines. Councilman Garison has also promoted the demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures and continues his efforts to reduce flooding.

Iggy Garison has always welcomed opportunities to be of service to his country and his community. He served in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He was a valuable member of the Pasadena Police Department. He was a distinguished volunteer firefighter. And he was an investigator for Constable George Larkin.

Councilman Garison is a member of the Houston Fire Museum board, the San Jacinto Foundation, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, the National Guard Association, the

Harris County Mayor and Council Association, the National League of Cities, the Texas Municipal League, the Association of Federal, State and Municipal Employees Local 1550, and the 100 Club.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Pasadena, I would like to thank Gene "Iggy" Garison, as well as his wife, Susie; his son, John, his stepdaughter, Tammy; his stepson, Sam; and his grandson, Tyler for their dedication, service and commitment to the City of Pasadena. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished man.

HONORING THE BAYSIDE JEWISH
CENTER'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Bayside Jewish Center on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

It was in late 1926 that a small number of Jewish residents in the Bayside West community of Queens, NY, began to meet in a store on 32nd Avenue near 201st Street, made available by Isaac Muss, father of past Honorary President Charles J. Muss. Around the same time, a group of Jewish residents in the central Bayside area rented a loft and began to meet on the third floor above some stores on Bell Boulevard.

During the next seven years, the activities and participation grew steadily. In 1934, Rabbi Ariol Hyams became the spiritual leader of the Bayside West Jewish Center. Because interest had increased substantially, the space available to the members was no longer sufficient. Thus, they joined together with the group at the Center on Bell Boulevard to found and incorporate the Bayside Jewish Center. This was 1935.

It was not until 1960, after many trials and tribulations in respect to finding a permanent place for the center, when the traditional and formal dedication of the new Bayside Jewish Center building was held. Immediately following the dedication of the facility, the Bayside Jewish Center became the main center of community service, a veritable beehive of activity.

Many great personalities have attended meetings and functions at the Center including President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Senator Jacob Javitz, Senator Wayne Morse, Mayor John Lindsay, Mayor Robert Wagner, numerous Members of the House of Representatives, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Cantor Moshe Kousavitsky and President Norman Lamm of Yeshiva University.

The Center supported many well known causes such as the United Jewish Appeal, Bonds for Israel, Yeshiva University, and other worthy institutions. The Center was the founder of several local organizations as well, such as the Clergy Club of Bayside and the Council of Churches and Synagogues.

One of the great accomplishments of the Bayside Jewish Center was the founding of the Etz Chayim Youth Organization. This organization has brought together over two hundred teenagers to hold their Sabbath Services

in the Junior Ballroom of the Center, followed by lunches on each Sabbath or holiday. Etz Chayim can also take credit for weekend Shabbatons, sponsored by Yeshiva University on an annual basis and attended by over three hundred young people from many communities throughout the United States, which have become well-established events. To this day, hundreds of its members are active leaders of many synagogues and Jewish organizations throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Bayside Jewish Center and all of the people whose lives it has touched.

HONORING THE LATE COL. JAMES
NEIL HICKOK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the memory of one of Western Colorado's leading citizens, Colonel James Neil Hickok. James was an active member of the community and was a member of the "Great Generation". He passed away on March 19, 2001 after a long 13-year battle with cancer. Everyone that knew him will truly miss him.

Neil was born in October of 1919 in Chicago Illinois. Neil joined the US Army when he was 16. His first assignment was to protect railroads and missionaries in China. After his tour he returned home to graduate from high school. He received degrees in Military Science from the University of Maryland and degrees in Anthropology and Geology from the University of Colorado. James re-entered the Army at the start of World War II and served in the Pacific Theatre. Neil also served in the Korean War and had three tours of duty in Vietnam.

Neil was a devoted family man. He loved his wife Carol, his son James and daughters Sharron and Dorothy. He also loved his home, which over looks the south fork of the South Platte River. His family said he had a wonderful sense of humor and genuine care for others. Neil served as the chairman of the Park County Republican Party for many years and helped Lake George get their park, library, community center and emergency medical service.

Mr. Speaker, a great friend, father and hero has left us, but his memory will always be with us. I'm asking Congress to pause a moment in remembrance of Col. James Neil Hickok and thank him for all that he has done for his family, community and country.

SCHOOL SAFETY

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, we've spent the day on a very important issue, our children's education. But, the whole picture is not complete. How about the kids who are not prepared for school or are disruptive in class. The

kids that, at least, have run-ins with authorities and drop out of school, at most, end up committing violent crimes, sometimes against their own classmates.

The safety of our schools continues to be a major concern as evidenced by a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll in which 43 percent of parents said they fear for their child's safety at school. One in three parents believes that it is "very likely" that a Columbine-type shooting could happen in their community. While the number of children hurt by violent crime has declined significantly in the last six years, we can't escape the reality of the shootings at Thurston High, Columbine and most recently in Santee, California.

As many of my colleagues know, following the tragic shootings at Thurston High School, I introduced legislation to help combat the growing problem of youth violence in America. The Youth Violence Prevention Package is based on needs identified by my community and is designed to prevent youth from turning to violence by providing adequate crisis intervention and support services.

After a decade of record economic growth and decreasing crime rates, America has the opportunity to invest aggressively in proven violence prevention and youth development activities to ensure that children and families are able to thrive. Targeted investment in prevention efforts that give children and families what they need to stay on track works.

That's why I'm so disappointed by the priorities set by President Bush and Congress in the budget blueprint.

—The Bush budget abandons a commitment made in past budgets to give one million children access to Head Start by fiscal year 2002. Under the Administration's own estimates, the Head Start program will fall 84,000 students short of that goal. The Bush budget actually results in the elimination of Head Start services for 2,500 children.

—In addition, the Bush budget reduces resources for existing Child Care and Development Block Grant projects by \$200 million.

Specifically, my legislation would increase the authorization for Head Start programs to \$11.5 billion. And, it would create a national child care provider scholarship program to further the goals, of child care provider recruitment, training, credentialing, and retention.

—The Bush budget cuts grants to help states investigate and prevent child abuse and neglect by \$16 million—a 47% reduction. Furthermore, most other child welfare service programs are frozen at the fiscal year 2001 level.

—Also, general juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grants are cut by \$44 million, gang-free schools and communities grants by \$6 million, mentoring grants by \$7 million, incentive grants for local delinquency prevention by \$25 million and drug reduction grants by \$12 million.

On the other hand, legislation I've introduced would increase authorization for Community Based Family Resources and Support Programs, like Relief Nurseries, by \$44 million. In addition, it would increase the authorization for Title V incentive grants for local delinquency programs—like, parent assistance, antitruancy, and court schools.

Providing parents with the skills and treatment they need to be better parents is critical. A comprehensive prevention approach that looks at the entire family and identifies the specific needs of the child within that family